



TEACHING THE UNCHANGING TRUTH OF GOD'S SALVATION TO ALL PEOPLE

Mother's Day



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Meeting Times

Sunday Worship	8:30 AM
Bible Study	9:45 AM

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION/MOTHER'S DAY MAY 13, 2018

Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to sign the "guest register" in the back of the sanctuary so that we might better get to know you.

- **Restrooms** are located in the Fellowship Hall and a baby changing station is located in the Women’s bathroom in the Preschool wing.
- **Cry-room.** If you have need of a cry-room, you may use the entryway couch area.

OPENING HYMN: #173 – “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: *(spoken)* And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in Him.

Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues forever.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in Him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen.

FIRST LESSON:

ACTS 1:15-26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷ he was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

¹⁸ (With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹ Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

²⁰ “For,” said Peter, “it is written in the Book of Psalms:

“‘May his place be deserted;
let there be no one to dwell in it,’ and,

“‘May another take his place of leadership.’”

²¹Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

²³So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.

²⁴Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles. (NIV 1984)

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 8 ON PAGE 67 IN THE FRONT OF YOUR HYMNALS

SECOND LESSON:

1 JOHN 4:13-21

¹³We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. ¹⁶And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. ¹⁷In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. (NIV 1984)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia. (John 14:18)

C: *(Sung)* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 17:11b-19

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. (NIV 1984)

C: *(Sung)* **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY: #171 – *“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”*

SERMON

Text: Acts 1:10-11

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” (NIV 1984)

Theme: *“Why Do You Stand Here Looking Into Heaven?”*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: ON PAGE 42 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN: #500 – *“For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray”*

PRAYER

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(Sung)* Amen

THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: *(Sung)* Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #506 – “Oh, Blest the House, Whate’er Befall”

Announcements

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR LAST SUNDAY: 30 COMMUNED: 29

PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Chronic pain or illness – Jean Johnson; David Champlain (brother of Allan Champlain); Allan Champlain; Evelyn Lothar; Carolynn Perkins; Lois Montesano; Tammie Mueller; David Schield; John Ladner; Bill & Elaine Geisser; Rose Marie Lenz; Ray Renner; Manny Vega (brother-in-law of Allan Champlain); Don Bublitz; John Roth; John Saylor; and Bradley Orahood (great-nephew of Cynthia Champlain)

Recovering from surgery – Lois Terry

In rehab – Carroll Lothar

Death of a family member – Robby and EyVonne Robinson and family on the sudden death of Robby’s son David.

FELLOWSHIP AND SERVING

Volunteers for this week: *Ushers:* Steve Mueller (C) & “Volunteer” *Counters:* Brenda Henschen & Cynthia Champlain *Snacks:* Lois Zastrow

Volunteers for next week: *Ushers:* “Volunteer” (C) & “Volunteer” *Counters:* Brenda Henschen & Cynthia Champlain *Snacks:* Brenda Henschen *Communion Set-up:* Marge Dettmann *Communion Assistant:* John Henschen

If you need a monitor for your computer, we have two 17" and one 19" available for 'free'. Contact Pastor Gumm if you would like to have one of them!

LWMS:

The Suncoast circuit is always looking for new officers. If interested, talk to Susan Halverson.

HEADS UP:

The Central African Medical Mission is in need of pill bottles. Bethany's Women's Ministry is going to make this our fall project and thought you might like to start saving pill bottles now!

FUNDRAISER

We are having a fundraiser for a 'new sign'. Unfortunately, our current sign has seen better days and needs to be replaced. Our new sign will have an electric crawler at the bottom which Pastor Gumm will be able to control with a remote control. Please place your contributions in the bottle by the 'Thermometer' located in the Narthex. \$2,000.00 is needed! We currently have raised \$319.00!

THIS WEEK: MAY 13TH – 20TH

Sunday: **8:30 am – Worship Service**
 9:30 pm – Fellowship
 9:45 am – Bible Class

Wednesday: **9:30 am – Bible Class**

Friday: **9:00 am – Membership Class**

Sunday: **8:30 am – Worship Service with Holy Communion**
 9:30 am – Fellowship
 9:45 am – Bible Class